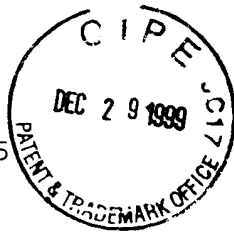


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUHIRO ITO, et al.)
Application No.: 09/413,774)
Filed: October 7, 1999)
For: ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS)
AND SPACER : December 28, 1999

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Amend
T. Ito
7-22-99

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 32, line 1, please change " $\lambda.d$ " to $--\lambda<d--$.

N.E. Page 38, lines 10, 11 and 12, please change "data" to $--specimen--$.

N.E. Page 40, line 11, please change "data" to $--specimen--$.